

SAMPLE POEM.

Read and annotate. What needs to CHANGE IN THIS POEM BASED ON THE RUBRIC?

Laying on the grasses of Hawaii

Feeling sad and distraught

I dream of a new, better life

With a loving mother and father

Seeing my father was always rare

Even when my father came

It was always short lived and never great

No watching ball games

No father and son dates

"It won't last long" (68)

I would think when he came

For my father visits never lasted long

Breaking the connection of father to son

But I never once cried

Lolo had taught me to be tough

And never let your opponent see you down

But this feeling of loneliness haunted me like a ghost

Feeling rejected and unwanted

Like a rotten fruit in the store

So I lay on the grass

Watching the sky as the sun set

The blue and orange colors

Bringing on the night skies

No one understand me or my background

Like Ray, who often argued the levels of racism in the world

Or "A red head girl asked to touch my hair" (60),

The girl at Punaho that never understood my heritage

So, I do the one thing that I know best

The lesson that Lolo had taught me himself

"I closed my eyes and pressed the mask to my face"

And hid my feelings again

For yet another day

PEER EDIT

1. Does the person have 3 quotes from the book?
2. Are all quotes cited with author AND page number?
3. Do the quotes integrate well with the poem?
4. Are all three main idea quotes that show the character's personality?
5. Is the character described with one or more specific scenes?
6. Does each scene have a clear setting?
7. Are there sensory details to describe the character and the setting?

Check all that apply: smell, touch, taste, feel, hear, see.

8. Does the author use one to two similes? What are they?
9. Does the author use a metaphor? What is it?
10. What symbols describe the character?
11. What ideas are repeated?
12. What is the main idea or message about the character?